

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-6, 8-20 were previously examined.
2. Claims 1-6, 8-20 are allowable based on the decision by the Board of Appeals.

Drawings

3. The drawings were received on 01/15/2004 are not annotated as "replacement sheets". Correction before payment of the issue fee is required.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mr. Tom Stevens whose telephone number is 571-272-3715.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, please contact examiner's supervisor Mr. Albert Decady (571-272-3819). The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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